

October 19, 2007

TO: Electric Sector Transmission Owner/Operators
Generation Owner/Operators

ESISAC Advisory Follow-up Survey

On June 21, 2007, the Electricity Sector Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ES-ISAC) issued an advisory regarding a potentially serious vulnerability involving remote access to protective devices found on the electric transmission and distribution systems and in generating stations. The June 21 advisory stated the ES-ISAC would be distributing a follow-up survey to measure the progress made in the electricity sector in implementing the recommended mitigation measures. This letter includes that follow-up survey. The results of the survey will be used to determine whether the ES-ISAC should consider additional actions.

In issuing the advisory, the ES-ISAC acted pursuant to the authority of Rule 808.2.b. of NERC's Rules of Procedure. We acknowledge the terminology has not been consistent. Although the June 21 document was styled an "advisory", the document recommended specific actions to address the potential vulnerability, and therefore it clearly falls within the authority of Rule 808.2.b., "Recommendation". Rule 808 provides, in relevant part, as follows:

808. Analysis of Off-Normal Events and System Performance

1. NERC shall analyze system and equipment performance events that do not rise to the level of a major blackout, disturbance, or system emergency, as described in section 807. The purpose of these analyses is to identify the root causes of events that may be precursors of potentially more serious events, to assess past reliability performance for lessons learned, and to develop reliability performance benchmarks and trends.
2. NERC will screen and analyze events for significance, and information from those with generic applicability will be disseminated to the industry in the form of operations or equipment alerts of three possible types:
 - a. Advisory — these alerts are purely informational, intended to alert owners, operators, and users of the bulk power system to potential problems;
 - b. Recommendation — these alerts are intended to recommend specific action be taken by owners, operators, and users of the bulk power system;
 - c. Required Action — these alerts are intended to require specific action by owners, operators, and users of the bulk power system. Such alerts require NERC board approval before issuance.

The survey instrument, with instructions for completion, is attached. Please return the completed survey to Stan Johnson at stan.johnson@nerc.net by November 2, 2007. Please note the survey asks for responses only with respect to Attachment A to the June 21 advisory. No response is

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requested at this time for Attachment B. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Scott Mix at scott.mix@nerc.net or Stan Johnson.

We recommend a coordinated effort be made at each entity to compile a single response rather than multiple responses from the same entity. The ES-ISAC is working with the regional reliability organizations, EEI, and CEA to deliver the survey instrument to the right people in the right entities.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rick", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Richard P. Sergel

Attachment